

INDEPENDENCE ENTERPRISE

AND WEST SIDE.

TH YEAR.

INDEPENDENCE, POLK COUNTY, OREGON, APRIL 30, 1903.

NUMBER 22

A TERRIBLE DEATH

Blake, of Airle, Instantly Killed.

WHEELS RUN OVER BODY.

Team Ran Away But Were Stopped Before Serious Damage.

Blake, the 8-year-old son of Mrs. George Blake, of Dallas, was instantly killed at Airle about Wednesday by being run over by a team. The boy was on the seat with his uncle, Roy Byerly, who was driving the team and the accident was caused by the wheels of the wagon dropping into a hole in the road which caused the seat to be forced forward upon the horses when the boy fell under the wheels and passed over his breast and chest which were crushed in a fatal manner, causing instant death. Mr. Byerly was considerably shaken but otherwise uninjured. The team was stopped before any damage resulted to team or wagon.

IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE.

Important Propositions up for Discussion.

Independence Improvement League held a regular meeting on 27th. The committee on subscription for the book of Independence reported that the money had been collected as far as possible.

The book "Land of the Living" had been received and all who know of parties in the neighborhood might be interested in sending East by calling at the secretary, G. A. Hurley, of the firm of Cooper & Hurley.

The committee consisting of Dr. Butler, H. Knox and W. W. Percival, met to confer with Mr. Hurley, the road supervisor, for the purpose of seeing what could be done regarding the road leading from Oak Point school house to the Brunk place. The road has been in a very bad condition and a little grading and paving will be of inestimable value to all parties along the said road.

Matter of the road opposite Independence and in Marion county. Committee consisting of C. D. Calbreath, T. D. Hurley and Dr. E. L. Ketchum met to see about the \$1500 which has been subscribed for that purpose to make a definite report to the league as to the fixing up of the road.

It was found that about 100 people could be served by a rural telephone line crossing the ferry north and east into the territory. Most of this territory is now in the hands of M. Merwin, W. W. Hurley and E. E. Paddock and it is proposed to circulate the petition for a rural telephone line to come before league meeting.

Independence has contracts for the necessary 100 phones

for night service. The Improvement League ordered one to be placed in the city hall to be paid jointly by it and the council if the council would stand the expense.

The matter of the rural telephone service that Lewisville has been working on was discussed and it was the sense of the league that any co-operation the league could do would be willingly furnished. Independence is very much interested in seeing them have the proper service. If arrangements could be made wherein their line could be brought to Independence it would strengthen our service and the people here would be willing to co-operate with them in securing the same.

Nothing else coming before the meeting it adjourned.

FROM PURE CREAM.

Visit Our New Ice Cream Parlors Saturday.

For the first time in 1903 we will have on sale next Saturday ice cream and ice cream soda. Owing to the continuous calls we have decided to open the season just one month earlier than last year.

Our cream will be no exception from last year and will be made of the pure cream and of the very best material to be secured, and we will try to always serve only the best cream, both in ice cream soda and the plain cream. Owing to the non-arrival of our crushed fruits which were ordered through an eastern jobbing house we will be unable to serve crushed fruits for a week or so.

Our cream is also packed in the finest porcelain-lined cans so there is no danger of poisoning from tin. This is a good item for ice cream eaters to remember.

We are now in a position to furnish ice cream in any amount on short notice. Wagoner's ice cream parlors.

Closing Exercises.

Special from Sunny Slope.

Following is the program rendered at the close of the Sunny Slope school last Monday, April 27th:

- Song—"Mount Vernon Bells".....by the school
- Invocation.....V. A. Fishback
- Words of welcome.....Ina Fishback
- Recitation.....Retta Clark
- Floral offering.....by four girls
- Wishes.....Ray Shipley
- Duet.....Georgie Herren, Lena Fishback
- Recitation.....Maggie Herren
- "Worth While".....Lena Fishback
- "Boys' Opinions".....Georgie Herren
- Song—"O Come, Come Away".....by the school
- Recitation.....Roy Clark
- Recitation.....Hattie Herren
- Duet.....Lettie Fishback, Maggie Herren
- Recitation.....Nellie Shipley
- Recitation.....Elda Clark
- Dialogue.....by four celebrated characters
- Recitation.....Orpha Shipley
- "Faithless Nelly Gray".....Pearl Fishback
- Recitation.....Jay Clark
- Song—"Summer".....by school

- "What the Little Girl Said".....Millie Clark
- Solo.....Hattie Herren
- Valedictory.....Lettie Fishback
- Closing address.....C. L. Starr
- Song—"Goodnight, Teacher".....by the school

Collecting an Exhibit.

Cooper & Hurley have been collecting together a nice little display of Polk county's products, which will be sent to Portland with Polk county's exhibit to be placed in the Union depot. Their samples consist of wool, mohair and rare seed collected from the farm of Wm. Riddell, near Monmouth; photograph and sample of Cotswold wool from Mr. T. Brunk, north of Independence; Bedder Wood and Magoon growing strawberries from the Bannister farm near Independence; canned Crawford peaches and Royal Ann cherries from Mrs. L. Smith; flour, bran, shorts, oats, wheat and barley from the Oregon Milling & Warehouse Co; rye grown by Wm. Cookey; American Banner and Gray oats grown by J. H. Krepps; Speltz from the O'Brien Bros.; white beans from E. E. Yarnell, also from Mr. John Fluke; barley and oats from Mr. Simon; Red clover from C. L. Hawley, of McCoy; Mammoth clover from Spurling Bros.; Defiance wheat by M. Becker, also English rye, vetches, timothy and Musquit seed; some nice Burbank potatoes by Sloper & Patton; dried Italian and Petite prunes by D. L. Hodge, and peaches by D. L. Hedges; also an excellent sample of hops from H. Hirschberg; six ears of corn raised by F. W. Nurnberger, of Monmouth; some nice cakes of honey from the Vernon farm north of Independence.

These samples are excellent and show the possibility of Polk county in almost every line of farming.

If you have anything to give to the Independence Improvement League for their display they would be glad to receive it.

Parker Changes.

Parker Special.

We are afraid that Parker has been unable to keep step with her sister towns in the rapid pace of progression. And now after the 20th anniversary of her birth we recognize among our prosperous farmers the same kindly faces that smiled her a welcome or hushed her baby sighs on their bosoms.

Perhaps the direct cause of our inertness lies in the fact that we have been contented with our lot. We have desired no change and when our neighboring towns have engaged in conflict or clamored for prosperity we have been content to idly sit and hear the battles' din afar.

When the new train service was proposed we did not fall in with this plan. For, rather than exert ourselves to patronize an early train to Portland we contented ourselves with the consolation that if we wished an earlier start we could start the day before.

During the past year there has been very little change among our residents. The Vanderpool donation land claim, which for the past

fifteen years has been the home of W. P. Bradley, is now the property of P. T. Peterson, a recent arrival from Nebraska. The above named farm contains about 150 acres of as good land as can be found in Polk county, the greater part of which is in cultivation. Another attractive feature of this farm is a nice young orchard, containing a variety of fine fruit trees. One other real estate transfer is the property formerly owned by Wm. McCurdy, ex-section foreman at this place. This property, consisting of lots 7 and 8 in block 2, has been purchased by A. S. Kerr. No new residences have been erected excepting the home of Mr. Loy, about one and one-half miles east of Parker.

There are many rumors afloat concerning a new store building in the near future. But as yet these rumors are without foundation.

Agency Transferred.

We have transferred the agency for the Standard and Paragon Sewing Machines for Marion and Polk counties to Geo. C. Will, the old sewing machine and music dealer. Any one wishing a new Standard or Paragon Sewing Machine or any supplies for the same will please call on Mr. Will at No. 231 Commercial Street, Salem, Oregon.

STANDARD SEWING MACHINE CO. E. PicKel was in the city Monday.

Jesse Whiteaker is in Portland this week.

Claud Hubbard was a Salem visitor Monday.

Ice cream at Wagoner's Saturday and Sunday.

Gus Hurley spent the latter part of last week in Salem.

Wanted.—A good buggy horse. Enquire at this office at once.

Mrs. Hattie Reuf, of Parker, was a business visitor in town Saturday.

Henry Ebbert returned to Troutdale last week after a visit in Monmouth.

When in Salem visit Strong's Restaurant. It is headquarters for Independence people.

Mrs. G. L. Hawkins and son, Hermann, of Dallas, were guests of friends here last week.

E. S. Hilliard and one of the Spurling boys were out to their homesteads last week.

Miss Pearl Squire and Miss McCowan, of Monmouth, were incoming passengers Monday morning on the boat.

Tomorrow night, May 1st., Grand May Day ball at the Auditorium by W. R. C. Come and enjoy yourself.

Frank Skinner is recovering from his injuries recently received in the runaway accident. He will be able to be at work soon.

Jesse Whiteaker, who has been interested in a cigar store at Dallas, has disposed of his interest and returned to Independence.

My ad this week will tell you how typhoid fever is prevented by using pure fruit juice flavors at the soda fountain. Wagoner's.

WOODMEN'S CARNIVAL.

Held in Dallas June 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th.

SPIRITED CONTEST FOR QUEEN.

Miss Pearl Percival Leads the Race With 811.

The forthcoming carnival at Dallas on June 3rd, 4th 5th and 6th promises to be one of the greatest attractions ever attempted in this county. The first day will be known as circle day and under the auspices of the Women of Woodcraft, a queen of the carnival will be crowned to command the festivities attendant upon the four days of pleasure. Besides the many and varied attractions offered each day by Arnold's grand aggregation of shows, Ferris wheel and merry-go-round there will be a number of competitive drills by circle teams.

The second day will be Woodman day, the third day is yet open for a name and the fourth day will witness the annual meeting of Polk county pioneers. For the many attractions offered on these different days, notice the big posters which will soon be out of press. The principal feature of interest just now is the election of a queen of the carnival and it so happens that this, the fourth week of the contest, finds an Independence lady considerably in the lead. With the exception of last week, Miss Laura Brown, of Dallas, headed the list, but last week was relegated to second place by Mrs. Anna Dunn. The votes are counted each Wednesday evening and a list will hereafter be published in all the county papers.

The contest ends May 16th and the queen will then receive a check for \$50 to purchase her regal robes.

Here is the total vote to date; Miss Pearl Percival, 811; Miss Laura Brown, 719; Mrs. Anna Dunn, 582; Mrs. Grace Cherrington, 221; Miss Nan Starr, 168; Mrs. May Meader, Monmouth, 22.

Valley Wool Growers To Combine.

Plans are now being formulated to combine the entire wool clip of the Willamette Valley. Wools will be graded and baled to meet trade requirements and shipped direct to the eastern mills, saving all middle profits. It is estimated under the new method of selling it will add to the profits of the growers over 100,000,00 now going into the pockets of the middle men. One of the largest wool warehouses in Portland has been secured and is being fitted up with baling machinery and grading tables. When the wools are all in shape for the market, sale will be advertised in the East and the wool sold under sealed bids. Having several million pounds together and being properly packed, it would warrant eastern mills sending out their buyers to buy direct from the range. S. Philippi, the largest grower in the Willamette Valley, of Stayton, Marion county, Oregon, beginning the proposition. Willamette Valley Wool Growers Union.

G. L. Hawkins, of Dallas, has been here the past week doing preparatory work toward erecting monuments in the M. Mix and E. W. Cooper burial plots. A Salem firm is also doing similar work at the grave of the late J. D. Irvine.